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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS IN FOREIGN RELATIONS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR LATEST ENQUIRY ABOUT OUR REQUEST OF NEARLY A YEAR BEFORE FOR SAG CLEARANCE TO PUBLISH IN FOREIGN RELATIONS THE DOCUMENTS FORWARDED BY REF B, THE DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR NURI IBRAHIM, DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH US. HE ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE SAG REQUESTED THAT CERTAIN OF THE DOCUMENTS NOT BE PUBLISHED. WOULD THEY THEN BE LIKELY TO APPEAR IN THE US PRESS AND THUS ATTRACT EVEN MORE ATTENTION THAN IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO APPEAR IN FOREIGN RELATIONS?

2. WE REPLIED THAT SUCH WOULD NOT BE THE CASE. THE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE FILES. WE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN THE TIME WHICH HAD PASSED WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE SAG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR PUBLICATION. AMBASSADOR IBRAHIM SAID THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL FAISAL WHO HAD REVIEWED THE DOCUMENTS. THE SAG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE PUBLICATION OF SOME OF THEM SUCH AS THOSE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DHAHRAN AIR BASE. OTHERS, HOWEVER, WERE STILL CONSIDERED SENSITIVE, ESPECIALLY THOSE

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CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH JORDAN.

3. WE ASKED AMBASSADOR IBRAHIM TO GIVE US A LIST OF THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT THE SAG WAS PREPARED TO CLEAR FOR PUBLICATION AND THOSE THAT IT DID NOT WISH MADE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME. AMBASSADOR IBRAHIM SAID HE WOULD GET A FORMAL REPLY CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION TO US SHORTLY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT HOLD OFF FINAL PROCESSING OF THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION UNTIL WE HAVE THE SAG RESPONSE.
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